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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AUGUSTIN ALLINE, ACTING HEAD FRENCH
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SCIENCE BUREAU, SEEMED TO BELIEVE
THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S EXPULSION FROM IAEA A LITTLE LESS
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THAN IMMINENT, FIRSTLY, BECAUSE SUCH A MOVE DIFFICULT

AND, SECONDLY, SINCE MANY OF THAT ORGANIZATION'S AFRICAN MEMBERS ARE MODERATE. EXPRESSED VIEW USSR VIEWS WOULD BE INFLUENTIAL ON SOCIALIST COUNTRY MEMBERS. BUT LUIS AIGUES OF THAT BUREAU NOTED THAT STRICTLY POLITICAL MOVES HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE IN IAEA, SUCH AS ADMISSION OF ARAB LEAGUE TO OBSERVER STATUS AND PROBABLE FUTURE ADMISSION TO SUCH STATUS OF PLO. PARIS WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION FROM U.S. IAEA OF WHICH COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO FAVOR EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE IAEA AND INDICATION OF USSR ATTITUDE, IN WHICH GOF SHOWED INTEREST. END SUMMARY.

2. AUGUSTIN ALLINE, ACTING HEAD OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SCIENCE BUREAU, TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE QUESTION OF EXPELLING SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE IAEA HAD COME UP ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, FOR WHICH REASON HE WAS DISAPPOINTED, BUT NOT GREATLY CONCERNED THAT THE ISSUE HAD COME UP AGAIN. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THERE WERE MODERATE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE IAEA AND, WHEN PRESSED, NAMED, FOR EXAMPLE, IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT GOLDSCHMIDT WOULD BE ABLE TO HEAD OFF EXPULSION BY CAREFUL LOBBYING VIA THESE MORE MODERATE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HE ALSO SAID THAT AN EXPULSION WOULD REQUIRE A VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD NEVER PASS SUCH A MOVE. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE DID NOT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION CREDENTIALS MIGHT BE CHALLENGED.

3. LUIS AIGUES, A FRENCH FSO OF COUNSELOR RANK IN THE SCIENCE BUREAU'S ATOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, WHO HAS ATTENDED AT LEAST A FEW LONDON SUPPLIERS MEETINGS, SEEMED TO TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY POSSIBILITY OF, AS A MINIMUM, TROUBLES ARISING OVER SOUTH AFRICA'S IAEA MEMBERSHIP. HE STATED THAT STRICTLY POLITICAL ISSUES HAVE ALREADY BEEN INJECTED INTO THE DELIBERATIONS OF WHAT SHOULD BE A STRICTLY TECHNICAL BODY AND CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE ADMISSION OF AN OBSERVER FROM THE ARAB LEAGUE. HE VOLUNTEERED THE OPINION THAT THE PLO MIGHT EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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GIVEN OBSERVER STATUS AS WELL. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO EXPLICITLY IN FRONT OF THE OLDER AND MORE SENIOR ALLINE, HE LEFT A CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT OTHER STRICTLY POLITICAL MOVES MIGHT WELL BE TAKEN IN THE AGENCY. HE NOTED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS LAST JUNE EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT SOME CHALLENGE TO THEIR CONTINUED PRESENCE IN THE ORGANIZATION MIGHT BE RAISED IN SEPTEMBER.

4. COMMENT AND REQUESTS: GOF DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE PESSIMISTIC AS WE ARE ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN IAEA. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR IAEA TO TRANSMIT TO PARIS ANY SPECIFIC DATA ON VOTING INTENTIONS OF IAEA MEMBERS IN ORDER THAT EMBASSY PARIS MAY IMPRESS GOF WITH GRAVITY OF THE MATTER. EMBASSY PARIS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE, PERHAPS FROM MOSCOW AS WELL, INDICATION OF PROBABLE USSR COURSE OF CONDUCT. GAMMON

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